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had been a duty laid on this Government to compel or persuade other people to agree. There, I think he is wrong in his interpretation."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I never said so."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If he did not say so, there is no argument in it. The Central Government said that there should be agreement up to a point before they could take up the question. That agreement essentially dealt with agreement of persons concerned, organizations concerned and the like and not the Government. In fact the Government can do very little in regard to this agreement. Government will be always misunderstood if they intervene in this matter. It would be better, therefore, if this agreement could be arrived at by organizations, public associations, leading citizens and the like and that is what is going on. As I interpret the fast, it is really a fast so that people should come to an agreement. It has nothing to do with the Government."

(At this stage, Sri T. Viswanatham stood up.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not going to allow any hon. Member to speak further on this matter."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member who gave notice of the adjournment motion may be allowed to speak."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have given time to the hon. Member who gave notice of the adjournment motion and he has not stood up. The motion before the House is that :

'This House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation arising out of the 38 days' fast of Sri Potti Sriramulu on Andhra Province issue, who is in a serious condition and Government's attitude upon it.'

I do not know how the Government are responsible for this. I am not convinced by the arguments of the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, shall I explain?

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not necessary at all. I am not speaking lightly. Let not the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition misunderstand me. On *Krithigai* and *Amavasya* days I also fast. My friend, just sitting opposite to me, Sri P. T. Rajan also fasts on *Krithigai* days. After all, it is a voluntary fast. We do it for religious purposes. Here Government are not responsible. If Andhra Province is necessary, there are other ways. The Central Government are responsible for it and not our State Government. I rule the adjournment motion out of order."

III.—FOOD AND FAMINE CONDITIONS IN THE STATE—REQUEST FOR A DEBATE ON.

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Last time, Mr. Speaker Sir, I requested the Hon. the Leader of the House to allot two days for a discussion of the situation in the State with regard to food

and famine conditions. He then said that he would consider it. May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. the Leader of the House has considered the matter and whether he is going to allot two days for a discussion of the situation in the State with regard to food and famine conditions."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am still having it in my mind."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I think, Sir, the answer of the Leader of the House is not quite satisfactory. Though I requested the Hon. the Leader of the House ten days ago to allot two days for the purpose, the Hon. the Leader of the House simply says, ' I am having it in my mind.' I would rather wish the Hon. the Leader of the House says that he is pleased to allot two days this week."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I would advise the hon. the Leader of the Opposition to consult the Hon. the Leader of the House and come to some agreement on this matter and inform me of it."

(At this stage the hon. Member Sri G. Latchanna stood up.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member put in writing whatever he has to say or let him meet me in my chamber and I shall consider it."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" On a point of information, Sir. According to the Agenda supplied to us, the fourth item, namely, consideration of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee, should be taken up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is referring to yesterday's Agenda. Let him refer to do-day's Agenda."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE TANJORE TENANTS AND PANNAIYAL PROTECTION BILL, 1952 (L.A. BILL NO. 12 OF 1952)—*cont.*

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I rise to present the report of the Joint Select Committee [a] on the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Bill, 1952, and move—

> *' That the Bill as amended by the Joint Select Committee be taken into consideration.'* "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" On a point of order, Sir. To-day the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Bill is being sought to be moved before this House. In rule 93 of the Rules

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 625–652 infra.